



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

AND

AMERICAN OPEN UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the

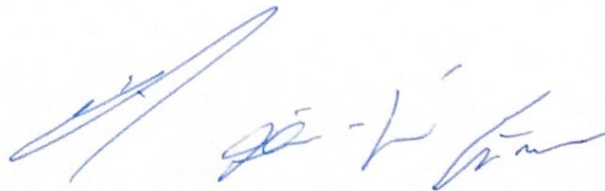
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, the National University, created by virtue of Act No. 1870, as amended and strengthened by Republic Act No. 9500, otherwise known as "The University of the Philippines Charter of 2008" through its constituent university at Diliman, with official address at Quezon Hall, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City, 1101, Philippines, represented herein by its Chancellor, **EDGARDO CARLO L. VISTAN II**, hereinafter referred to as the "**UPD**";

AND

The **AMERICAN OPEN UNIVERSITY**, established 1995 in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area with official address at **4212 King Street Alexandria VA 22302 USA**, represented herein by its Board of Trustee, **Eng. OSSAMA MOHAMMAD SUHAIL ALAZZOUNI** herein referred to as the "**AOU**".

Recognizing the benefits to their respective Universities from the establishment of institutional links, conclude this MOU.

1. The purpose of this MOU is to develop academic cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the Universities.
2. Both Universities agree to develop the following activities in academic areas of mutual interest, on the basis of equality and reciprocity:
 - a. Exchange of faculty, researchers and other research and administrative staff;
 - b. Exchange of students;
 - c. Collaborative research projects;
 - d. Lectures and symposia;
 - e. Exchange of academic information and materials;
 - f. Other forms of academic cooperation.
3. The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MOU will be separately negotiated and agreed upon between the schools or institutes that shall carry out the specific projects. Both Universities agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of their respective countries after full consultation and approval from the other party.
4. It is understood that the implementation of any of the cooperative activities stated in clause 2 may be restricted depending upon the availability of resources and funds at the Universities concerned.
5. Both parties agree that in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of the parties on intellectual property. Both Universities shall seek an equitable and fair understanding as to the ownership and other property interests that may arise.
6. This MOU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both Universities.



7. In the event of an unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either country, both Universities agree to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution. As far as practicable, these solutions shall be incorporated into the specific agreements mentioned in clause 3.
8. This MOU is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature by the representatives of both Universities. This MOU may be renewed after being reviewed and renegotiated by both Universities.
9. This MOU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either of the parties, upon prior notice to the other party in writing, at least six (6) months before the termination date.
10. Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this MOU, the Universities shall endeavor to exercise their best efforts to negotiate the differences.
11. This MOU may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This MOU may be executed by handwritten or electronic signatures, such as exchange of PDF or other electronic documents, each of which shall each be deemed to be originals when fully executed. The Universities agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this MOU are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.
12. The Universities mutually agree to process personal information and sensitive personal information in conformity with the data privacy laws of their respective countries and all other applicable laws and regulations.

The Universities shall ensure that appropriate organizational, physical, and technical measures are in place to maintain the confidentiality, integrity and security of personal information and sensitive personal information that may come to their knowledge or possession by reason of any provision of this MOU and that their employees, agents, representatives, or any person under their authority shall hold said information under strict confidentiality at all times.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

By:



EDGARDO CARLO L. VISTAN II
Chancellor *MDRV*

Date: 23 MAY 2024

AMERICAN OPEN UNIVERSITY

By:



Eng. OSSAMA MOHAMMAD SUHAIL ALAZZOUNI
Board of Trustee

Date: 23 MAY 2024

WITNESSES:



JULKIPLI M. WADI
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
QUEZON CITY _____) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in the Quezon City, this _____ day of
JUN 26 2024 2024, personally appeared:

NAME ISSUED	GOVT. ISSUED ID NO.	DATE/PLACE
EDGARDO CARLO L. VISTAN II	Driver's License N02-05-008631	October 7, 2022/Quezon City


With official address at Quezon Hall, U.P. Campus, Diliman Quezon City, 1101, Philippines, known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that the same is his free and voluntary act and deed and that of the institution he represents.

This instrument consisting of four (4) pages, including this page wherein this Acknowledgement is written refers to the Memorandum of Understanding University of the Philippines and American Open University, signed by the parties.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date and place above-written.

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